

# ARIZONA SHORT-TERM DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

## MAY 2021

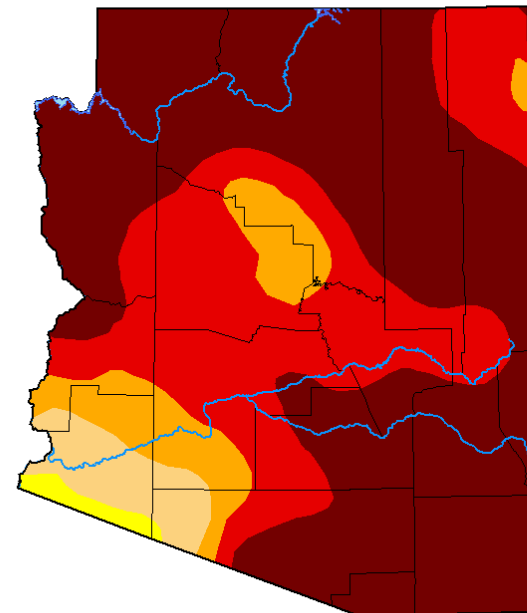
May is typically one of the two driest months in Arizona. Up to 0.50 inches of rain were received throughout Coconino, Yavapai, Gila, and Apache counties. However, this was not enough to improve current drought conditions. While north central Arizona received most of the rain, the rest of the state remained exceedingly dry, roughly 60%-90% below last year's average precipitation levels for the month.

Drought conditions have remained largely unchanged through the month with 95% of the state in Severe (D2) to Exceptional (D4) drought. No substantial improvement to drought is expected in June.

Wildland fires continued to impact the state with above-normal fire risk. Stage 2 fire restrictions were issued on state lands in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz counties. All other counties continued Stage 1 fire restrictions.

May temperatures across the state were generally average for the month. The outlook for summer shows above average temperatures expected, with equal chances for above, normal, or below average amounts of rain.

### U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	99.00	94.62	86.52	57.79
Last Week 05-25-2021	0.00	100.00	99.01	94.62	86.52	57.79
3 Months Ago 03-02-2021	0.00	100.00	98.92	94.60	84.67	53.50
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	98.34	93.86	72.69
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.97	69.95	3.37
One Year Ago 06-02-2020	80.51	19.49	13.67	6.76	0.00	0.00

#### Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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